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Dear Sir:

In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the following references:

Japanese Registered Utility Model No. 3066793

Japanese Laid-Open Publication
No. 10-208848 (with English abstract)

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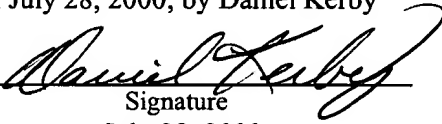
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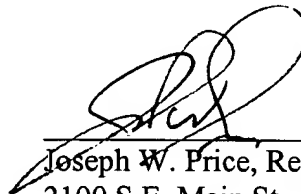


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